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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN)

SUMMARY: ON JULY 3 UKAWA (DIRECTOR, FIRST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIV, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) DISCUSSED WITH E/C COUNS MTN DEVELOPMENTS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO JULY TNC MEETING AND DIRGEN LONG'S PAPER (STATE 134202). PERTINENT POINTS REPORTED BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. MAIN THEME OF UKAWA'S REMARKS WAS CONCERN OVER LACK OF PROGRESS DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS ON MTN (QTE WE ARE JUST GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES UNQTE). HE FELT IT NECESSARY THAT TNC BEGIN TO LOOK AT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE FALL, E.G. TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES AND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE. IN THIS CONNECTON, UKAWA EXPRESSED SOME
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WONDERED OUT LOUD ABOUT EC'S MOTIVATIONS. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE CLEARER INDICATION OF WHAT RESULT US AND EC WOULD LIKE FROM FORTHCOMING TNC MEETING.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO LONG'S PAPER, UKAWA SAID GOJ WOULD HAVE PREFERRED AGREEMENT AMONG US, EC AND JAPAN ON NATURE OF DOCUMENT BEFORE ITS DISTRIBUTION BY LONG. HOWEVER, GOJ BELIEVES PAPER IS ON THE WHOLE CONSTRUCTIVE, AS LONG AS IT IS NOT MERELY CHECK-LIST. ONLY POINT WHICH SEEMED TO BOTHER UKAWA WAS NTB SECTION IN PARAS 7 AND 8. UKAWA BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO DECIDE FIRST HOW TO HANDLE NTB'S BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER PARTICULAR NTB'S SHOULD BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED.

3. FINALLY, UKAWA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN QUESTION OF EXPORT RESTRAINT/ASSURANCE OF SUPPLY. HE BELIEVES TNC SHOULD DECIDE HOW AND WHEN TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE.

4. UKAWA PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED AS GOJ'S THINKING DEVELOPS ON MTN ISSUES.
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